



State of Connecticut

State Innovation Models (SIM) Model Design Planning Committee

Wednesday, February 27th
State Capitol, Room 410
4:15 p.m.

Summary

I Introductions (State Healthcare Innovation Award: \$2.8M)

Attendees:

Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman
Tom Woodruff, OSC
Anne Melissa Dowling, Deputy Commissioner, CID
Jewel Mullen, Commissioner, DPH
Mark Raymond, CIO, BEST
Bettye Jo Pakulis, Chief of Staff, OLG
Rod Bremby, Commissioner, DSS
Liz Donahue, Director of Policy, OTG
Jason Madrak, CMO, Access Health CT (HIX)
Pat Rehmer, Commissioner, DMHAS
Anne Foley, Undersecretary of Policy Development and Planning, OPM
Kate McEvoy, Director of Health Services, DSS
Michael Michaud, Regional Manager, DMHAS
Vicki Veltri, Healthcare Advocate, OHA

II Review Deliverables

- Planning team reviewed the deliverables required under the SIM
- Process chart was discussed. Explained that this was a draft document that will be modified as the project evolves and based on engagement of one or more consultants and decisions re contracted services.
- Discussed need for core planning team to include a commercial carrier rep and a provider rep.
- Discussed that UCHC is meant to be part of planning team and should be at the table.

- Discussion about the need to include the healthcare cabinet in the SIM process to ensure stakeholder engagement.

III Identify Consultants

- Discussion over range of consultants to cover the breadth of the SIM.
- Discussed possibility of multiple consultants
- Discussed need to ensure that behavioral health and population health aspects are integrated across SIM discussions
- Discussed need to ensure that issues re health literacy, transparency of costs and health disparities are addressed.
- Discussed importance of quick engagement of one or more consultants
- Several consultants mentioned – KPMG, McKinsey, Mercer and Milliman
- Discussed importance of sending CT SIM application to prospective firms
- Discussed importance of keeping a simplified internal scoring checklist when vetting firms

Next Steps

- VV & MM to put together summary of topics to shop to consultants. Summary to be shared with planning team. **Due: Thursday p.m.** Planning team to respond with list of questions to ask potential consultants. **Due: Friday p.m.**
- VV to draft summary of answers to questions provided to CMS on 12/7 to assist in framing issues for consultants. **Due: Thursday p.m.**
- VV & MM to engage local consultants once summary completed and vetted **Immediately upon completion of summary document**
- VV & MM to reach out to out of state consultants used in 6 SIM states that have applied for second round of grants **immediately**
- Smaller team to decide on consultants

IV Staffing

- Discussion of alternative methods of hiring the 7 durational 6-mo employees. Staffing consultant can assist with hiring of all positions, potentially cull candidates for Commissioner approval.
- Discussed that organizationally all 7 durational employees will be part of the LG's Office with unified job specs. 3 of these staff will physically work in the LG's Office: State Agency Liaison, Stakeholder Liaison and Admin Support.
- 4 coordinators will physically work out of the respective agencies: OSC, DSS, DMHAS and DPH.
- Simultaneous approach-commissioners/agency reps may identify recently retired employees to fill project their own coordinator positions
- Outstanding Issues/Next steps:
 - Engage consultant to assist in hiring
 - If state employees – need job spec immediately approved for use for all four positions—assistance of DAS and OPM required.
 - If not state employees – budget narrative to be adjusted to reflect this

V Approve Timeline

- General discussion of timeline in project narrative. Discussion that much of what we are doing has already been summarized and can be used for jumping off point with consultant.
- Next step -
 - VV will summarize current efforts already provided as part of the 12/7 submission to CMS

VI Other

- Discussed need for meeting next week with planning team
- Discussed need for immediate offline discussions to begin on agency interests and coordination
- Discussed engagement of Healthcare Cabinet—meeting in March to include SIM kick off discussion
- Bettye Jo will send around potential dates/times

VII Next Meeting - TBD